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Lloyd P. Johnston et al.

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For: SYSTEM FOR FILLING CONTAINERS

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- 5. The document(s) was/were cited in a corresponding foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below:

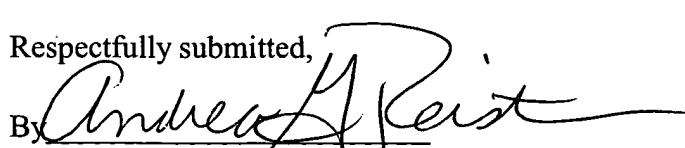
- ☒ 7. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/052,632, filed January 23, 2002, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.
- ☒ 8. Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application Nos. 10/052,632, filed January 23, 2002 and 09/642,666, filed August 22, 2000, which are relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

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